

SENATE BILL 47

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ENROLLED BILL

— Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs/Economic Matters —

Introduced by **Senator Colburn**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

_____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

President.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Dorchester County – Alcoholic Beverages – Restaurant Seating Requirement**
3 **Capacity**

4 FOR the purpose of ~~lowering~~ *altering* in Dorchester County the minimum seating
5 ~~requirement~~ *capacity required* for certain ~~restaurants, motels, or hotels having~~
6 ~~certain~~ *restaurants and* restaurant facilities *to obtain a beer, wine, and liquor*
7 *license; making certain stylistic changes;* and generally relating to alcoholic
8 beverages ~~licenses~~ in Dorchester County.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
11 Section 6-201(k)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
2 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

3 **Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages**

4 6–201.

5 (k) (1) This subsection applies only in Dorchester County.

6 (2) (i) ~~¶~~Bona fide restaurants, motels and hotels having restaurant
7 facilities for serving full-course meals at least twice daily and seating capacity at
8 tables for ~~75~~ 50 or more persons, not including seats at bars or counters, may obtain a
9 license from the Board of License Commissioners. This license entitles the licensee to
10 sell beer, wines, and liquors. ~~¶ AN ESTABLISHMENT THAT IS A BONA FIDE~~
11 ~~RESTAURANT, MOTEL, OR HOTEL MAY OBTAIN A CLASS B (ON SALE) BEER,~~
12 ~~WINE AND LIQUOR LICENSE FROM THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS IF~~
13 ~~THE ESTABLISHMENT HAS:~~

14 ~~1. RESTAURANT FACILITIES FOR SERVING~~
15 ~~FULL-COURSE MEALS AT LEAST TWICE DAILY; AND~~

16 ~~2. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (H) OF~~
17 ~~THIS PARAGRAPH, SEATING SEATING CAPACITY FOR 75 50 OR MORE~~
18 ~~INDIVIDUALS, NOT INCLUDING SEATS AT BARS OR COUNTERS.~~

19 ~~(H) AN ESTABLISHMENT DESCRIBED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (I)~~
20 ~~OF THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL HAVE A SEATING CAPACITY FOR 50 OR MORE~~
21 ~~INDIVIDUALS, NOT INCLUDING SEATS AT BARS OR COUNTERS, IF:~~

22 ~~1. A LICENSE TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON~~
23 ~~THE PREMISES OF THIS ESTABLISHMENT EXISTED AS OF OCTOBER 1, 1996; OR~~

24 ~~2. THE ESTABLISHMENT IS LOCATED IN CAMBRIDGE~~
25 ~~OR SECRETARY.~~

26 ~~¶(ii) (3)~~ The annual license fee is \$1,000.

27 ~~¶(3) (4)~~ This license provides for the consumption of beer, wine, and
28 liquor on the premises only.

29 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
30 July 1, 2010.